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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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INFO AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, GB, GV

SUBJ: RUMORED BONGO STOPOVER IN CONAKRY

1. RELIABLE LOCAL SOURCES HAVE REPORTED STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO MAY MAKE STOPOVER IN CONAKRY APRIL 22 ENROUTE HOME FROM FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT IN DAKAR. ONE SOURCE OF THIS STILL UNCONFIRMED REPORT ADDS THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS PREPARED SPEECH FOR BONGO'S USE ON SUCH OCCASION.

2. IF SUCH STOPOVER INDEED IN PROSPECT, THIS WOULD EXPLAIN APRIL 6 CALL ON BONGO BY GUINEAN FONMIN CISSOKO, ACCOMPANIED BY MIN SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIARRA AND NON-RESIDENT GUINEAN AMBASSADOR. FONMIN TOLD PRESS AT THAT TIME THAT HE HAD ELIVERED PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM SEKOU TOURE TO BONGO, BUT DECLINED PROVIDE ANY DETAIL OF ITS CONTENTS.

3. COMMENT: CONAKRY VISIT COULD BE HELPFUL TO BONGO IN RE-FURBISHING HIS NON-ALIGNED IMAGE ON EVE OF LIBREVILLE OAU SUMMIT AND IN WAKE (A) HIS MUCH  
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PUBLICIZED CONTACTS WITH US AND FRANCE AND (B) ALLEGATIONS OF GABONESE INVOLVEMENT IN BENIN AFFAIR. IN VIEW THESE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES TO BONGO, IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO SEE IN EVENT VISIT TAKES PLACE WHAT QUID PRO QUO (PRESUMABLY ECONOMIC) GUINEANS MAY HAVE IN MIND. STEIGMAN

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